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ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
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The Ashley National Forest will soon begin advertising for three temporary (NTE 1039hrs) Recreation – National Visitor Use Monitoring Interviewer for the 2012 field season. Openings are available at the GS-04 level. These are seasonal temporary positions with a three and a half month tour of duty. The earliest anticipated start date is May 2012 and end date mid September 2012. Duty stations included Vernal, Dutch John, and Duchesne, Utah. **Government housing is not available in Vernal and Duchesne, but is available in Dutch John, UT.** These positions will be advertised under the Nationwide Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements that can be found at www.avuedigitalservices.com.

Job: Forestry Tech - Recreation (National Visitor Use Monitoring Interviewer)
Series: GS-0462-04
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more information about duties for the position on next page

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. ONLY on-line applications are accepted through AVUE Digital Services www.avuedigitalservices.com.
2. New applicants must create a new profile within AVUE.
3. If you have previously applied for this position under old OCRT numbers, you will need to re-apply when the new OCRT announcements become available. If you fail to re-apply under the new OCRT announcement numbers, your application package for this position will not be considered.
4. Be sure to indicate **Vernal, UT, Dutch John, UT, and/or Duchesne, UT** as the locations for consideration when applying in AVUE.
5. **The referral list is expected to be pulled on March 22, 2012.** Be sure to have your applications submitted by this date.
6. If you have questions about Avue, contact the Help Desk at 1-800-407-0147 or the Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 877-372-7248

Forestry Technician (Recreation) – National Visitor Use Monitoring Interviewer

POSITION: Forestry Technician (Rec) GS-0462-4

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The duties include conducting interviews with recreation users as they exit recreation areas, wilderness areas, forest roads, or along forest scenic highways. The incumbent will be required to coordinate with the National Visitor Use Monitoring Coordinator and locate the survey site, install a traffic counter, set up the interview pull-off with signs and traffic cones, conduct voluntary traffic stops, interview users, and record data required on the interview forms. The interviews will be conducted for a minimum of 6 hours beginning at scheduled time. The incumbent must be appropriately dressed (uniforms will be provided) and immediately recognizable as a Forest Service employee.

Prior to leaving the site location at the end of the interview period the incumbent will review all data forms for clarity and completeness, record the traffic count from the traffic counter at the end of the last interview, and remove the traffic signs and cones. They return to the site at the end of a 24 hour period to record the traffic count again and remove the traffic counter. They will periodically send completed data entry forms to the appropriate individual. The incumbent will work independently but will keep their supervisor informed of progress or any problems that develop.

ABOUT THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to over 13,500 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinyon and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of lodgepole pine, fir and spruce. Grasses, forbs, and stunted, twisted conifers called krumholtz are found above timberline. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The Ashley has three major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises of nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes. The mountains below timberline are covered by coniferous forest, and

meadows have streams and lush vegetation. The Wilderness is accessible from July through September, via numerous trails.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming, and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex. Rafting this section of the Green River is a favorite pastime of visitors. Flaming Gorge Dam and Red Canyon Visitor Centers have exhibits to acquaint visitors with the area. At Ute Lookout Tower, visitors can enjoy a spectacular view and learn about the life of early Forest Service lookouts. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road. Visit us on the web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/>

About Vernal, Utah

Vernal has a population of approximately 8,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2000 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years. Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernable on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT. The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. Vernal city has recreation leagues for sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and other activities like yoga and table tennis. For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

Climate

The elevation in Vernal is approximately 5,300 feet. The climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Average winter temperatures range between 5 and 31 degrees. Average summer temperatures can reach 90 degrees during the day and dip to 50 degrees at night. Long warm summers and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from November through March.

Economic Base

Oil and gas exploration and production, along with oil shale, tar sands, gilsonite, phosphate and timber, are the major components of the local economy.

Tourism and recreation is also a growing and important industry. A Super Wal-Mart and Big K and Lowes are major stores in the area and provide employment for the local residents. A new Walgreen's Drug store is currently being constructed and a number of other commercial ventures are being considered.

Several government offices located in Vernal include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and city, county and state offices.

Housing

Apartments rentals are readily available in Vernal and surrounding communities. Two and three bedroom apartments rent from \$550 to \$900 a month. Rental homes are available on limited basis. Three and four - bedroom homes range from \$157,000 to \$247,000.

Schools

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high and two high schools. One high school is a special-purpose accredited high school for students 14 years of age through adult who wish to pursue a quality education in a non-traditional model. Through negotiated agreements, students have total control over their curriculum, including design, content, management, and style in which he/she learns. The Uintah District Learning Center provides education opportunities for children with handicaps or special needs.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (Vernal and Roosevelt) offers 13 complete bachelor degree programs and 7 complete master's degree programs. A new USU-Uintah Basin campus is currently under construction and intends on expanding its curriculum and campus. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical, entry-level work.

Health Care

Ashley Valley Medical Center (AVMC), a 36-bed hospital with 11 physicians on staff, provides a full complement of auxiliary services. It has a 24-hour, fully staffed emergency room. AVMC is currently undergoing its third phase of expansion in recent years, and reflects the facility's increased breadth of services and mission of serving the entire region, according to Si Hutt, Chief Executive Officer for the hospital. AVMC will now be called – Ashley Regional Medical Center – which more accurately reflects its regional service area.

The new phase, which began in the fall of 2007, invested \$7.2 million in the facility, and brings to over \$15 million the total investment in the hospital's facility since 2003. The new project includes: a new 2-story medical office building which can house up to 14 physicians; a new main entrance for the hospital; A new registration area and information desk; a new one-stop, pre-surgical area where patients can register and have outpatient diagnostic tests performed; space to house a future fixed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scanner; and a new gift shop for the Volunteer Auxiliary. It will also include new office space and a renovation of the kitchen. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo.

For extended medical care, Uintah Care Center is a 50-bed nursing home, with additional facilities to provide out patient care on a daily basis. Child day-care centers and preschools are available in Vernal. The community also has several dentists, two podiatrists, a pediatrician, an obstetrician/gynecologist,

two optometrists, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community. Two veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

Recreation Opportunities

Vernal has parks, a swimming pool, a bowling alley, four movie theaters, a water slide, and an 18-hole golf course. Tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are also available. An athletic clubs provide weight training and aerobics.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities. River trips on the Green River are also available through local guides. Rafts can be rented from local vendors. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular winter sports. Hiking, camping, biking, and hunting are favorite sports.

Basketball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and a swim team for children, are locally sponsored activities.

The new Uintah Community Center is a 70,000 square foot complex which offers an array of recreational opportunities for all ages including: indoor lap pool; indoor leisure pool with slides and water toys; a climbing wall; two full-size gyms; indoor running track; cardio balcony; an aerobic dance area; a strength area; on-site child care; three party rooms; classrooms; a public meeting area and conference rooms. Membership plans, including individual and family packages, are available.

Civic and Service Organizations

Active community and service clubs in Vernal include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, Toastmasters, Rotary, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Masonic Lodge, Search and Rescue, Cultural Arts and American Legion, to name a few. Vernal has several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging and tap. Gymnastic classes for children are available. Vernal has a large, well-stocked public library. The Utah Field House of Natural History is adjacent to the Dinosaur Gardens. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation, and dances for senior citizens in the area.

Churches

Churches that provide services in Vernal:

Assembly of God	Congregational
Baptist	Episcopal
Catholic	Jehovah Witnesses
Christian	Nazarene
Church of Christ	Pentecostal
The Church of Jesus	Lutheran
Christ of Latter-day	
Saints	

Cultural Events

Several cultural events occur throughout the year, including the annual Outlaw Trail Festival, Festival of the Arts, Uintah County Fair, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Dinosaur Days, Dino-Soar Hot Air Balloon

Festival, and the annual Christmas Fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical events and Utah State University and Uintah High School produce a play each year.

There is a strong, positive community spirit. It is a traditional small western town where activities center on families, school and church activities, rodeos, hunting and fishing.

About Duchesne, Utah

Duchesne is the gateway to the Uintah Basin. It is a fast growing community with a high quality of life. Duchesne is located about two and half hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah. Duchesne is shadowed by the beautiful Uintah Mountains. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just outside of the city limits.

Duchesne is the county seat and there is a new Justice Center, which houses the Sheriff's Department and Court personnel. Other county agencies operate out of Duchesne.

The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was recently renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery.

Schools

Elementary School – Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

High School – Grades 7 through 12.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (Vernal and Roosevelt) offers 13 complete bachelor degree programs and 7 complete masters degree programs. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical, entry-level work.

Health Care

Duchesne has a small local clinic. In Roosevelt, 29 miles to the east, there is a fully staffed hospital and clinic with many doctors who specialize in all fields of medicine. There are also many dentists in Roosevelt. Duchesne has local EMT's, a Fire Department, and 911 services.

Housing

There is no Government housing available in Duchesne. There are a few homes for sale and rent. For current realty information, contact local real estate agencies.

Recreation

Duchesne has its share of parks that include tennis courts, baseball fields and picnic areas. There is a swimming pool and a bowling center. Duchesne offers a full range of spring, summer, fall and winter activities. There is an old-fashioned County Fair and Rodeo each summer. A new 9-18 hole golf course is now in the planning stages and will be located on the outskirts of Duchesne below Starvation Reservoir. There is boating, fishing and an annual Walleye Fishing Tournament at Starvation Reservoir 5-10 minutes northwest of town. Hunting includes deer, elk, moose, antelope, bear, pheasant and doves.

Churches

Churches that provide services in Duchesne:

Catholic
Baptist
Latter Day Saint

Business/Shopping

Clothing store; Restaurants; Fast Food/Convenience Stores; Grocery Stores; Automotive Repair; Service Stations; Hardware Stores; Motels

Economic Base

Agriculture - Ranching and Farming
Oil Industry
Tourism

Climate

Spring, summer, and fall are mild and beautiful, with temperatures reaching 90-95 degrees in July and August. Winter temperatures may go to 20 below zero in December and January.

About Dutch John, Utah

Population: 100 Winter (increase during summer months).

Dutch John lies near the southeast corner of Flaming Gorge Reservoir. It was a government town built by the Bureau of Reclamation to house employees who constructed, and now maintain, Flaming Gorge Dam. Dutch John was privatized and is now owned and operated by the county and town. Forest Service and State employees also reside there.

Schools

Public schools in Manila include an elementary school, middle school, and high school. An elementary school is located in Dutch John (K-5). Preschool may be available year-by-year depending on interest, class size, and teacher's scheduling. Middle school and high school students from Dutch John are bussed to Manila (38 miles).

Satellite college classes are offered to high school students and community residents on a limited basis.

Health Care

A clinic staffed by a physician's assistant is located in Manila. They see patients four days a week. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are also welcome. A dentist visits Manila twice a month to see patients. Dentists, doctors and medical centers, are available in Rock Springs, Green River, and Vernal. Hospitals are located in Rock Springs and Vernal. Manila and Dutch John are served by volunteer EMT's, ambulance, and emergency 911. A volunteer fire department serves the area and law enforcement is handled through the Daggett County Sheriff's Department.

Cultural Events

Presentations are organized by local groups, such as high school and drama clubs. The 4th of July features fireworks over the lake and the annual Daggett Daze celebration fills the Labor Day weekend with a variety of activities.

Churches

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have churches in Manila and Dutch John. Many other denominations are available in Rock Springs, Green River, and Vernal.

Recreation Opportunities

Boating and fishing are major recreational activities available in the area. In addition to world-class lake trout (mackinaw), Flaming Gorge Reservoir provides excellent fishing for rainbow and cutthroat trout, kokanee salmon, small-mouth bass, and catfish. The Green River below the Dam is recognized as one of the finest trout streams in the world. Tubing, rafting, and canoeing are also popular on the river. The north slope of the Uinta Mountains provides numerous trout streams and lakes for those who like a more remote experience.

There are three marinas on the Reservoir and two lodges in the high country providing a variety of services. Community sports such as basketball and volleyball are popular in the county.

Wildlife species in the area include elk, bighorn sheep, deer, antelope, bear, mountain lion, moose, three species of grouse, chukar, osprey, both bald and golden eagle, and river otter.

Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, as well as mountain biking and hiking are enjoyed on the Uinta slopes.

Climate:

Elevation - 6371 Ft.

Length of growing season - 90 to 100 days (Approximately June 1 - Aug. 30)

Average summer temperature - 80 to 85 degrees

Average winter temperature - 20 degrees

How hot can it get - few days above 90 degrees (usually during July and August)

How cold can it get - minus 30 degrees on rare occasions (usually during Dec. and Jan.)

Annual precipitation - 8 to 10 inches

Does the wind blow a lot - yes (usually from passing cold fronts)

Humid or dry - dry

Economic Base

Agriculture, including farming, cattle, and sheep, is the economic base.

Dutch John has two convenience stores, two gas stations, two cabin rental locations, and two seasonal restaurants. A lodge, restaurant and store are located approximately 6 miles away at Greendale. A lodge, restaurant and store are located approximately 15 miles away at Red Canyon.

Housing: Government housing may be available in Dutch John.